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FLOODS HURT CROP PROSPECTS -- Warsaw, Zycie Warszawy, 29 Jul 60

Although crop losses on the national level cannot yet be estimated, in some areas, the loss will be a total one, while in others, it will depend on how much can be salvaged in the next 2 weeks. In Opole Wojewodztwo, where 20,000 hectares of arable land was inundated, the water is just beginning to recede.

Losses of the rape crop are known, since only about 30 percent of what had been cut was hauled off the fields prior to the rains, and a similar situation applies to winter barley. In most cases, the spring barley crop was beaten to the ground even before ripening, and on some heavier soils, those potato plantings not washed away are smothering from lack of soil aeration and beginning to rot.

Organization of grain transportation from the fields will be critical because of the speed necessary to salvage both threshed and unthreshed crops and because of the shortage of grain-drying facilities. The delay in seed grain harvesting presents a real weakness since over 500,000 tons of certified seed grain will be needed for September sowing of fall grain. Most of the seed grain plots have not been cut, which may have crucial consequences. -- Stanislaw Gucwa, Deputy Minister of Agriculture

[Comment: The Warsaw daily Trybuna Ludu of 28 July 1960 points out that fall-and spring-sown grains will mature almost simultaneously so that the 9-million-hectare grain-harvesting task will fall into the first half of August, as the last half is expected to be rainy and cold.]

VEGETABLE PRODUCTION BELOW NEED -- Peiping, Ta Kung Pao, 28 Jul 60, p 1

Despite great progress in implementing the February 1960 directive of the party's Central Committee and the state council on increasing vegetable output, vegetable quantity and variety in Fukien still could not meet the people's needs. This was true especially during June, when some areas were seriously affected by typhoons and floods.

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UNDERGROUND MINING OFFICES -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 3 Aug 60, p 2

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In a period of 19 days, 134 pit offices were established in the mine shafts of the Fou-hsin Coal Mine, Liaoning Province, and more than 1,100 leading cadres have moved in. This underground office system normalizes and systematizes the principle of having leading cadres at the work site for instant solution of any work problems that may occur. Since its inception, the system has resulted in production successes.

NEW LAKE IN RUMANIA -- Bicz, Constructorul Hidrocentralei, 8 Jul 60, p 1

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On 1 July 1960, the locks of the Bistrita Valley Dam were closed hydraulically, and the lake which began to form will extend over 3,220 hectares of land and will hold over 1.2 billion cubic meters of water. The dam is for the "V. I. Lenin" Hydroelectric Power Plant. [See Foreign Press Bulletin, 16 August 1960.]

SOCIOLOGICAL

CHINESE PRESS REFLECTS EDUCATION STRESS

Shensi

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For national construction and local development, Shensi has newly established four higher educational institutes: the Shensi Industrial College, the Shensi Scientific and Technical College, the Shensi Trade and Finance Institute, and the Wei-nan Teachers Normal College. (Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 19 Jul 60, p 2)

Kiangsu

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T'ao-pai, deputy departmental chief of education and public health of the Kiangsu Party Committee, announced that since 1958, Kiangsu Province has newly established 55 higher educational institutes. (Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 20 Jul 60, p 2)

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Graduate students at Ch'iao-ting University have expressed their determination to go wherever the state wants them. For assignments to a proper place and occupation, the university has set up a centralized office to consider the students' ambitions and qualifications. Besides evaluating political views of the students, the office will also impart to them political education. All academic records are kept by the office and distributed through it. (Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 28 Jul 60, p 2)

Hunan

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Thirty-five students and a teacher at the Wu-han Postal and Telecommunications Institute have trial-produced Hunan's first black and white television set after 2 months' experimentation. The institute was founded during the great leap forward movement in 1958. (Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 12 Jul 60, p 2)

COMPLAINT OF DISORDER, UNSANITARY CONDITIONS -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 10 Jul 60, p 3

The south bank of Soochow Creek, Shanghai, is filthy. Along Soochow Road in Huang-pu District, roads and warehouses have not been straightened out [sic]; useful materials are exposed to wind and rain; machinery is rusting; and quartz sand is scattered throughout the area.

During the summer health inspection, the south bank of Soochow Creek was discovered to have more mosquitoes and flies than the north bank, and the section between North Soochow Road and North Honan Road had more than 30 pools of stagnant water, where mosquitoes were breeding. Maggots were found in a vat on Wharf No 10, and human excrement was discovered at several places.

EXTENSIVE STATE PROPERTY THEFTS -- Bratislava, Pravda, 24 Jul 60

The Czechoslovak National Security organs have recently uncovered several groups engaged in theft, and in many cases, the activities merited long-term punishment. The culprits were able to steal national property mainly because inspections were not thorough, and many inspecting and auditing organs are not doing their work satisfactorily. Also, there are cases where inspectors have accepted "considerations" from persons whose activities they are supposed to monitor.

CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN TRAVEL FIGURES -- Bratislava, Predvoj, 21 Jul 60

This year 132,000 people from Czechoslovakia will spend their vacations abroad (this is 20,000 more than last year). Of this number 35,000 have selected the Bulgarian sea shore, 16,000 persons have signed up for various trips to the Soviet Union, 25,000 will go to Hungary, and a great many will go to the Rumanian sea shore, the GDR, Poland, Albania, and even to China.

FIRST HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOOL -- Belgrade, Borba, 19 Jul 60, p 7

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The first school of higher education in Kosovo-Metohija, a combined faculty of philosophy, natural sciences, and mathematics, will be opened in Pristina in Kosovo-Metohija Oblast in fall 1960. The faculty will have six departments: physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, the Serbo-Croatian language, and the Albanian language.

ITALIAN STUDENTS VISIT BLOC -- Rome, Avanti! 10 Aug 60

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Thirty-five Italian university students, representing the Italian National Representative University Union (UNURI), and paying their own way, are to return to Venice on 10 August after visiting the USSR, Hungary, and Poland, among other countries. The trip was planned by the Center for University Relations Abroad (COSEC).

MILITARY

TANK PROCEDURES IN WATER -- Sofia, Narodna Armiya, 24 Jul 60

The following is an FDD comment.

Continued Bulgarian military interest in tank procedures in water was shown in an editorial in source which commented that reconnoitering water obstacles ahead of time and knowledge of proper tank sealing methods can prevent the vehicle from becoming submerged. The editorial further advised that tank crews should learn to retrieve submerged tanks by themselves.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

CHINESE CLOUD-SEEDING EXPERIMENTS -- Lan-chou, Kansu Jih-pao, 23 May 60, p 3

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Preliminary results in Kansu cloud-seeding experiments show that there are two methods of increasing the number of and enlarging ice crystals by artificial means to induce rainfall. One is to scatter coolants in the clouds by plane or to add frozen nuclei to the clouds. The other is to burn chemicals at ground level. At present coolants constitute the principal method in Kansu.

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